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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Docket No: Q58481

Yoshiki TAKASHIMA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/537.416

Confirmation No.: 6832

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Group Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: Irene Marx

or: METHODS FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY ACTIVE AMINO ACIDS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month, extending the time for further responding to the Office Action of December 19, 2002, from March 19, 2003 to April 19, 2003.

A check for the statutory fee of \$110.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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